

## EXTENSIBLE AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system, method, and a program embodied on a computer readable  
5 medium for performing authentication tasks is provided. In one embodiment, the  
system comprises a number of authentication agents, each of the authentication  
agents authenticating at least one user parameter by performing at least one  
authentication task. The system also includes an authentication manager that  
10 requests each of the authentication agents to authenticate an unauthenticated user  
parameter.